

AN ORDINANCE BY  
COUNCILMEMBER DEBI STARNES

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TO AMEND CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE II, SECTION 106-59 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, SO AS TO REMOVE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FROM CERTAIN VENUES FOR TICKET BROKERS AND OTHERS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, currently City ordinances provide that ticket brokers and original purchasers for personal use, as defined in Atlanta City §106-59, cannot offer for resale tickets to any entertainment event within 2,700 feet of any venue which seats or admits 15,000 or more persons.

WHEREAS, the City has implemented a process by which ticket brokers will be permitted and identifiable through a badge  
WHEREAS, the City now wishes to repeal such ordinances to allow ticket brokers and original purchasers for personal use to resell tickets closer to the relative events and contests.

WHEREAS, once the City's distance requirement is repealed, ticket brokers and original purchasers for personal use will be subject to less restrictive state mandated distance requirements.

WHEREAS, state law currently prohibits ticket brokers and original purchasers for personal use from reselling tickets to events and contests within 1,500 from the venue where the events or contests are being held. O.C.G.A. §§ 43-4B-28 and 43-4B-29.

WHEREAS, state law currently exempts an original purchaser for personal use from its 1,500 foot distance requirement if they have authorization to do so from the event or contest sponsor and owner or operator of the venue where such contest or event is being held. O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-29.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. That Section 106-59(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta and City of Atlanta Ordinance No. 04-O-1626, Section 1, Section 106-59(b) be amended by deleting said subsections in their entirety and that Section 106-59 in both the Current Code and Ordinance No. 04-O-1626 be renumbered accordingly. The subsections to be deleted both read as follows:

~~(b) In accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-4B-30, it shall be unlawful for any ticket broker or person who is the original purchaser for personal use of one or more tickets to resell or offer for resale one or more tickets to any athletic contest and entertainment event within 2,700 feet of a venue which seats or admits 15,000 or more persons.~~

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts thereof which conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.